

THE TIMES.

In 1832, Lorenzo Dow declined being considered a candidate for the Presidency, as he predicted the four succeeding years would be times of great commotion. We do not suppose there was much danger of his election, but his predictions were not entirely visionary. Dow possessed a discerning mind, and with all his eccentricity, we should have preferred him to Van Buren; for we believe he was an honest man. But he has gone to his long home, and sleeps with the "mighty dead," while we live to witness the fulfillment of his prophecy.

Our country has become the scene of anarchy in its most fearful forms. Courts of justice have been superseded by the wild fury of the mob, and the moral conscience of the public, by brute force. Society seems to be dissolving itself again into its original elements. Regardless of all established laws, men seem inclined to rule, each for himself, and the stronger to triumph over the weaker party, and punish on mere suspicion, as their passions dictate.

All this might be looked upon by the friends of humanity without serious alarm—it might be borne even, if men were governed by a true regard of right. But unfortunately, while those who are honest, wish for no other aid in carrying out their measures, than what the law affords them, they who are determined to abrogate all law, and make their own wills the standard of justice, are guided only by ungovernable passion and self interest.

Our laws give as good protection perhaps, to our citizens in all honorable pursuits, as any human code can do; but the laws are not intended to aid the highway robber or the man stealer; therefore, when they meet with opposition, they can only appeal to the pistol, the halberd or the scourge, for defence.

A calm observer can see that it would not be safe for even virtuous men, to uphold a righteous cause, contrary to law. The law cannot be violated to any great degree with impunity, but by the mob. Let then, a few honest men excite the multitude to destroy some property, or remove some nuisance, which is really an evil in society, but which the law, through some defect cannot reach. The work is done, and justice triumphs contrary to law. The precedent is now established. The next day perhaps, the current turns. A few unprincipled men take umbrage at something which these well meaning men have said or done, and they who yesterday had the mob at their command in the cause of virtue, to-day see their own buildings razed to the ground, and the ashes of their furniture scattered to the winds, by the very men who before moved at their bidding. Would they not have done better, to have borne the real evil till the law could be brought to bear against it? They now see how true are the words of the poet—

"Most dangerous is that temptation,  
Which leads us on to sin in living virtue."

Few men are so shortsighted as not to discover these truths without a practical illustration. And in general, when we see a man striving to accomplish any object by unlawful means, he may be set down as a scoundrel.

Our only hope is in the belief that there is yet a redeeming spirit in community. As there is a point beyond which man cannot be driven through fear, so men, not entirely abandoned to virtue, cannot be led forever by the sophistry of designing hypocrites, or aspiring demagogues. The political and moral situation of our land has been for four years past, making fearful strides towards infidelity and despotism. But the people must soon open their eyes. With all the opiates which are administered, the load will soon press so heavily upon them, that they will feel it; and who doubts that they will then quickly throw off the yoke. They will soon see that no man is safe, while in any cause the will of the mob takes the place of the law. They are already beginning to discover these truths. And most sincerely do we hope that the people will take the government into their own hands, while they can do it without bloodshed and civil war.

The editor of the Vermont Chronicle has at length published his slavery creed. He says,—

"We believe—  
1st. That it is a sin to sustain the relation of owner to a slave, with a slaveholding intent.—That is, for the benefit of the owner."

"2d. That this sin, wherever it exists, ought to be immediately repented of."  
"3d. That it is possible for the relation of owner, as above defined, to be sustained, in some circumstances, without the commission, by the owner, of the sin of slaveholding."

"4th. That immediate repentance of the sin of slaveholding does not necessarily involve, in all cases, the immediate doing away of the legal relation of owner, slave spoken of."

Thus, if a man holds slaves "for his own benefit" it is a sin, and "ought to be immediately repented of," but after all, it may be done "without the sin" of slaveholding, and "repentance does not in all cases involve the doing away of the sin." Cautious logic! Apply it to another case. A robe is

the editor of the Chronicle is the only man who knows the circumstances of the case. He goes to A, and says, "Sir, you have robbed your neighbor. If you are now keeping the money with a fraudulent intent, you are committing sin, and ought immediately to repent; but, as repentance does not necessarily involve immediate restitution, you may hold on to the money if you can do so, without any fraudulent intent, that is for your own benefit."

If the editor of the Chronicle is opposed to slavery, let him leave his metaphysical discussion of the point where slavery is a sin and where it is not, and strike at the root of the evil as it really exists. How many men does he suppose hold their slaves, but for their own benefit? And how many ever will, while the whole north copies the example of the Chronicle, and cries peace, peace! If he wishes to see the serpent destroyed, let him no longer pause in the work, to descend upon the difference between the black and white spots, or how many inches of its tail is harmless. 'S top, says he, 'there is no part of the snake dangerous but the tongue—don't touch the body—cut out the tongue! Slavery can be abolished only as a system; and when we declare it a sin, we speak in general terms; leaving it for every slaveholder to answer to his own conscience, whether he can be an exception. But the editor of the Chronicle will do nothing to abolish it, because it is possible, in one case out of a thousand, to hold a slave without sin; while the rest are guilty, to use his own words, "of the sin of slaveholding in all its extent, and with aggravation of the deepest dye!"

The Vermont Anti-Slavery Society held its annual meeting on Wednesday last, at the new Free Church in this place. Delegates were present from the various parts of the State. The meeting was entertained by an eloquent address from Mr Henry B. Stanton, an agent of the American Anti Slavery Society. In the evening the meeting was addressed by several gentlemen who had never before spoken in public in favor of immediate emancipation. One gentleman said he was "happy to have this opportunity to identify himself for the first time with the abolitionists, whose cause is the cause of heaven." Another, Hon. Judge T. more than seventy years of age, declared himself a convert, though a young one, to the doctrines of abolition. Mr. Stanton also lectured on the following day and evening. At the close, a clergyman from abroad was requested to dismiss the meeting with prayer. He arose and spoke in substance as follows:

"I believe I am about one quarter converted to the cause of abolition. I have heretofore been opposed to the movements of the abolitionists. I have been prejudiced against them. But I thank God, that prejudice is beginning to be removed! I have formerly supported the Colonization Society, and taken an active part in its operations. But a ray of light has now burst in upon my mind. I am satisfied that the Colonization scheme is wrong." He then proceeded to speak of the motives the abolitionists had to excite them to persevere—it was the cause of humanity, of liberty, of justice—of God, and closed with an earnest prayer that the who "rides upon the whirlwind, and directs the storm," would speedily "break the yoke of the oppressor, and let the oppressed go free."

The Vermont State Temperance Society held its annual meeting on Tuesday evening last, and was well attended. A memorial was adopted unanimously, praying the Legislature no longer to sanction the cause of crime by its laws. The meeting was addressed by several distinguished gentlemen from different parts of the state, and adjourned to meet again on Tuesday evening next, (this evening) at the Brick Church. Music may be expected by the choir, and on the organ. Let all the friends of temperance attend.

The Vermont Bible Society held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening last. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer were such as must encourage every friend of the cause. More than one thousand dollars have been raised in the comparatively new county of Orleans alone.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS—OFFICIAL.

1st District, Hissard Hall	4230
John S. Robinson	3023
Scattering	152—3153
Hall's majority	1065
Jamaica and Dorset not returned.	
2d District, Win Slade	35218
James Clark	1555
E. D. Barber	481
Scattering	112—2169
Slade's majority	1739
Benson and Wells not returned.	
3d District—Horace Everett	3747
Alden Partridge	5150
Marion Flint	951
Scattering	63—3294
No election, majority against Everett,	457
4th district—Heenan Allen	3522
C. P. Van Ness	2235
Scattering	125—2418
Allen's majority,	1193
5th district—Levi Fletcher	3755
Henry F. Jones	3324
Scattering	46—3372
Fletcher's majority	339
Voices of Lewis, Jones and Concord not returned.	

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JOHN VAN SICKLIN JR.,	31 Pavilion	
HARRY MILLER,	31 Pavilion	
ABRAHAM WATERMAN,	Waterman's	
NEWELL KESMAN,	2 Pavilion	
NATHAN SMILE,	3 Union	
JOSIEPH W. SHELDON,	Carter's	
HOMER E. HUBBELL,	23 Pavilion	
WILLIAM A. PALMER,	Reed's	
JOHN BECKWITH,	14 Union	
AUGUSTUS YOUNG,	Reed's	
WILLIAM GATES,	Carter's	
MELVIN BARNES,	Dr Dewey's	
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Asa G. Hewes	Barnes'	
Alford Benson	Fullerton's 4	
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Mark Bateholder	Fullerton's 4	
William Stafford	Barker's 4	
Simon Riseng Jr.	Pavillion 12	
Joseph Tuttle	Pavillion 12	
Joshua Morse Jr.	Barnes' 6	
James Houghton	Barker's 2	
Ethan Bradley	Fullerton's 2	
Francis Kilder Jr.	Fullerton's 4	
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WINDHAM COUNTY.		
Lyman Alexander	Kimball's 5	
Ephraim H. Mason	Kimball's 5	
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David Dexter Jr.	Barnes' 5	
Joseph Duncan	Kimball's 7	
Amrose Burgess	Kimball's 7	
Ward Bullock	Kimball's 7	
Benjamin Woodard	Barnes' 5	
Timothy Goodale	Barnes' 14	
Sam Pierce	Barnes' 12	
Cotton Mather	Barnes' 5	
Roswell M. Field	Union 19	
Alexander Campbell	Fullerton's 4	
Manassah Divoll	Kimball's 5	
Ephraim Rice	Barnes' 5	
Chapin Howard	Waterell's	
Ebenezer Howe jr.	Kimball's 7	
Solomon Newell	Barnes' 12	
Elexzer May	Union 18	
Obed Foster	Barnes' 9	
Charles K. Field	Union 14	
Levi Kimball	Kimball's 2	
RUTLAND COUNTY.		
Milo W. Smith	Barnes' 10	
Chauncey W. Conant	Baldwin's 1	
Jonathan W. Shaw	Dr Dewey's	
Thomas J. Leonard	Barnes' 3	
Rufus Buckley, jr.	Barnes' 7	
Rufus Ellis	Pavillion 32	
David Barber	French's 12	
Barlow W. Wilkinson	Kimball's 1	
Edward Mussey	Pavillion 11	
Eliahu Paul	Pavillion 11	
Rufus Crowley	Barnes' 7	
Lewis Wilcox	Kimball's 2	
Sheldon Edgerton	Pavillion 11	
Samuel H. Kellogg	Barnes' 3	
Joel Beaman	Pavillion 22	
Solomon Foot	Pavillion 39	
Richard Estabrooks Jr.	Kimball's 1	
John Backmaster	Fullerton's	
Isaac Ketchum 1st	French's 12	
Jeffrey Ballard	Pavillion 11	
Howard Harris	Reed's	
Joseph Park	Pavillion 11	
Horace Adams	Barnes' 10	
WINDSOR COUNTY.		
John B. Manning	French's	
Jona. Woodbury, Jr.	Kimball's 5	
Lorenzo Richmond	Kimball's 2	
James Wallace	Fullerton's 1	
Lyman Raymond	Fullerton's 1	
William Smith	Carter's	
Pulemy Edson	Carter's	
Andrew Tracy	Pavillion 21	
John S. Mery	Pavillion 7	
Sewall Fullam, Jr.	Carter's	
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Odin Chamberlain	Carter's	
Brigham Haysnold	Cambella's 1	
Joseph F. Tolben	Mam's 6	
Oramel Sawyer	Kimball's 2	
John Baldwin	Riker's	
Beazley Wood	Kimball's 1	
Jerick Gay	Carter's	
Jonathan Lawrence	Kimball's 5	
Asa B. Foster	French's	
Carlo Coolidge	Baldwin's	
Tracy Bingham	Kimball's 2	
ADAMS COUNTY.		
Heman Converse	French's 10	
Sonera Austin	French's 16	
Harris Needham	French's 16	
Jesse Ellsworth	French's 10	
Luther Carpenter	French's 10	
Nathan Owen	Waterell's	
Salon Clark	French's 10	
Charles G. Robbins	French's 10	
Otis Chapman	Gourley's 12	
William W. Proyn	Gourley's 12	
Elisha Brewster	Reed's	
Leman B. Smith	Reed's	
William Nash	Reed's	

Panton	Putnam Bishop	French's
Salisbury	Aaron Barrows	Reed's
Shoreham	Isaac Chipman	French's
Starksboro	John Hill 3d	French's 8
Vergennes	Jahazel Sherman	Pavillion 30
Waltham	Joseph Everts	French's 8
Weybridge	Lauren Drake	French's 10
Whiting	Moulton Needham.	French's 13
ORANGE COUNTY.		
Bradford	Arad Stebbins	Baldwin's
Braintree	Isaac Nichols	Barnes' 5
Brookfield	John W. Hopkins	Carter's
Chelsea	Harry Hale	French's
Corinth	George Sleeper	Union
Newbury	Simon Stevens, jr.	Union 1
Orange	Luther Carpenter	Carter's
Randolph	Sylvester Blodgett	Kimball's 3
Stafford	Royal Hatch	Union 22
Thetford	Lyman Field	Reed's
Topsham	Samuel Batchelder	Waterell's
Tunbridge	Philip Farram	Union 10
Vershire	Simon Bacon	Fullerton's
Washington	John Colby	Carter's
West Fairlee	George May	Union 15
Westminster	John Poor	Carter's
CHITTENDEN COUNTY.		
Barton	Samuel B. Kennedy	Riker's
Barre	Nathan B. Haswell	Pavillion 21
Chaplin	Pitt C. Hewitt	Washington's
Chatham	Thomas Brownell	Riker's
Essex	Albert Stevens	Pavillion 37
Hinesburgh	Nathaniel Miles	Riker's
Jericho	Erasmus Field	Pavillion 10
Milton	Arthur Hunting	Washington's
Mansfield	Elisha A. Town	Union 15
Richmond	Artemus Flagg	Riker's
Shelburne	Horace Saxton	French's
St. George	Sherman Beach	Riker's
Underhill	Richard Parker	Union 10
Westford	John Allen	Washington's
Whitton	Ezra Sanford	French's
WASHINGTON COUNTY.		
Barre	Jacob Scott	Gourley's 2
Berlin	Oren Smith	Dr Dewey's
Calais	Phy Curtiss	Riker's 1
Elmore	Jonathan Bridge	Union 15
Fugate	Merrill Tyler	Fullerton's 4
Marshfield	William Martin	Gourley's 2
Middlesex	Holden Putnam	Fullerton's 1
Montpelier	Lucius B. Peck	Peck's
Northfield	Ira Carpenter	Carpenter's
Plainfield	Anson Adams	Kimball's
Roxbury	Baxter Bancroft	Gourley's
St. Albans	Nathan Morse	Union 21
Swanton	Elisha Cady	Union 16
Warren	Jason Carpenter	Carter's
Waterbury	Artemus Cushman	Union 6
Waxfield	Thaddeus Clough	French's 12
Windsor	Joel Newton	Barnes' 14
Woodbury	Asaph Town	Gourley's 2
CALDWELL COUNTY.		
Barnet	William Shearer	Union 10
Buck	Benjamin F. Baldwin	Barnes' 8
Cabot	John W. Dana	Gourley's 1
Danville	James M. Morrill	Union 10
Greton	Isaac N. Hall	Union 3
Harwick	Elihu H. Nichols	Riker's 2
Kiry	James Church	Union 22
Lysian	Elias Bonnis, jr.	Union 7
Newark	James Dexter	Barnes' 8
Peacham	Alanson Stevens	Kimball's 5
Rye	Robert Whiteley	French's 12
Sagefield	Samuel Benn	Riker's
St. Johnsbury	Erasmus Fairbanks	French's 7
Sutton	Martin Fay	Riker's
Walden	Nath'l Farrington, jr.	Riker's
Waterford	Lynna Buck	French's 12
Wheelock	William Sauborn	Riker's 1
FRANKLIN COUNTY.		
Bakersfield	Azariah Corso	French's 4
Belvidere	Alva Chadler	Washington's
Berkshire	John S. Webster	French's 10
Cambridge	Isaac Groswood	Fullerton's
Enosburgh	Horace Eaton	French's 16
Fairfax	Alfred Wheeler	French's 12
Fairfield	Joseph Soule	French's 4
Fletcher	Guy Kinsley	Washington's
Franklin	Elisha Basson	French's 16
Georgia	Elijah Dea	French's 12
Highgate	Chas. H. Jenison	Pavillion 10
Johnson	Levi B. Vilas	Reed's 1
Montgomery	Rufus Ham Ron	Kimball's
Richford	Alden Sears	Kimball's 5
Shelton	Fred. W. Judson	Carter's
St. Albans	John Smith	Reed's 5
Swanton	Bradford Scott	Pavillion 10
Waterville	Jesse C. Holmes	Washington's
ORLEANS COUNTY.		
Albany	John N. Hight	French's 7
Barton	Richard Newton	Kimball's
Brownington	Alex. L. Twilight	Barnes' 1
Charleston	Elisha Bingham	Union 22
Coverly	Argulus Hinman	Pavillion 12
Craftsbury	William J. Hastings	French's 5
Danville	Leamed Richmond	Barnes' 2
Eden	Walter Wheelock	Kimball's 12
Glover	Joseph H. Dwinell	Union 7
Greensboro	Willard Lincoln	French's 5
Holland	Jason Humno	Barnes' 2
Hydepark	Joshua Sawyer	Pavillion 2
Jansburgh	Sabin Kilham	Union 20
Jay	Ebenezer Sanborn	Riker's 1
Morgan	John Bartlett	Barnes' 2
Morrisstown	Joseph Sears	Union 15
Newport	Asa B. Moore	Barnes' 2
Troy	Frederick Fuller	Union 20
Westmore	Ephraim Ladd	Washington's
David Wilson	Riker's	
ESSEX COUNTY.		
Bloomfield	Daniel Hollbrook	Gourley's 1
Braunswick	John Schell	Gourley's 7
Brighton	Harvey Coe	Union 22
Canaan		